

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 11 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 10 has been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in item 6 of the Action that claims 5-8, 10, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 10 has been rewritten into independent form to include the features of its base claim 1. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 and dependent claim 11 are now allowable.

Abstract:

The Abstract stands objected to in item 2 of the Action due to its length. However, the original Abstract has been deleted in its entirety and a new replacement Abstract has been added. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

Specification:

The specification has been amended in order to correct the number for the Japanese reference discussed in pages 1 and 2 of the present specification. In addition, an Information

Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith such that the correct reference is supplied to the Examiner for his review.

As to the Merits:

As to the merits of this case, the Examiner sets forth the following rejection:

claims 1-4 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Man et al. (US Patent Publication No. US 2002/0117860 A1).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 calls for transmitting an output of the starting motor through the endless transmission belt to the auxiliary machinery while the internal combustion engine is at an intentional standstill.

For example, the output of the starting motor 5 of the present invention is transmitted to the auxiliary machinery 6, 7 and 8 by the endless transmission belt 11 while the internal combustion engine 1 is at an international standstill.

The Examiner asserts that Man discloses this feature and directs Applicants' attention to paragraph [0008] of Man. (See lines 6-8, page 3 of the Action).

However, it is respectfully submitted that Man fails to disclose in paragraph [0008] or in any other portion of the reference the features of claim 1 concerning transmitting an output of the starting motor through the endless transmission belt to the auxiliary machinery while the internal combustion engine is at an intentional standstill.

More specifically, Man fails to disclose or fairly suggest that the electro-mechanical converter 8 – 8''' transmits an output through interactive connection 7 to the energy-consuming devices (auxiliary machinery) while the combustion engine 2 is at an intentional standstill.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

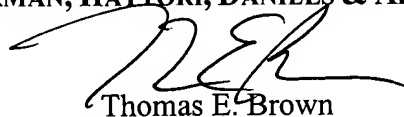
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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